1. (Amended) A communication system comprising means defining a communication region having associated therewith a plurality of symbols of the like and being responsive to a user-controlled pointing device whereby a desired symbol or the like can be selected characterized in that a desired symbol or the like can be selected by detecting movement of the pointing device along a predetermined bearing within the communication region, the predetermined bearing being substantially parallel to a direction of the desired symbol or the like relative to a central region of the communication region within a tolerance determined by the angular separation of adjacent symbols, but not consisting of movement toward a selectable region associated with a desired symbol or the like.

2. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein there is a plurality of cells within a single communication region, each cell having associated therewith a plurality of symbols or the like arranged in a linear manner, a desired symbol or the like being selected by movement along the predetermined bearing to select a respective cell followed by further radial or circumferential movement to select the desired symbol or the like associated with the respective cell.

9. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein two sets of communication regions are provided.

10. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one further region is provided separated from the first-mentioned regions for toggling between the first-mentioned set of symbols or the like and one or ore further sets of symbols or the like to be associated with each of the regions.

11. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein means is provided for selecting a further symbol or the like arranged within an area encompassed by or adjacent to the first-mentioned symbols or the like of each region by tapping the area within the desired region.

12. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein means is provided for selecting further symbols or the like by employing a different form of movement from that required to select from the basic symbols.

14. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the further symbols or the like may be selected on the basis of a combination of movements.

16. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the combination of movements comprise a linear movement with a dwell at the beginning and/or end thereof.

17. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the combination of movements comprise a linear movement in a first direction followed by a further linear movement reversing the preceding movement.

18. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the combination of movements comprise two sequential linear movements at a predetermined angle to each other.

19. (Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region or regions are provided on a touch-sensitive pad or screen.

20. (Amended) A method of communication in which a plurality of symbols or the like are associated with a communication region and a desired symbol or the like is selected by movement of a pointing device characterized in that a desired symbol or the like is selected by detecting movement of the pointing device along a predetermined bearing within the communication region, the predetermined bearing being substantially parallel to a direction of the desired symbol or the like relative to a central region of the communication region within a tolerance determined by the angular separation of adjacent symbols, but not consisting of movement toward a selectable region associated with a desired symbol or the like.

21. (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 20, wherein there is a plurality of cells within a single communication region, each cell having associated therewith a plurality of symbols or the like arranged in a linear manner, a desired symbol or the like being selected by movement along the predetermined bearing to select a respective cell followed by further radial or circumferential movement to select the desired symbol or the like associated with the respective cell.

28. (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 20, wherein two sets of communication regions are provided.

29. (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 20, wherein at least one further region is provided separated from the first-mentioned regions for toggling between the first-mentioned set of symbols or the like and one or more further sets of symbols or the like to be associated with each of the regions.

30. (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 20, wherein means is provided for selecting a further symbol or the like arranged within an area encompassed by or adjacent to the first-mentioned symbols or the like of each region by tapping the area within the desired region.

31. (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 20, wherein further symbols or the like are selectable by employing a different form of movement from that required to select from the basic symbols.

33. (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 31, wherein the further symbols or the like may be selected on the basis of a combination of movements.

35. (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 33, wherein the combination of movements comprise a linear movement with a dwell at the beginning and/or end thereof.

36. (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 33, wherein the combination of movements comprise a linear movement in a first direction followed by a further linear movement reversing the preceding movement.